(e) He has not visited the Anamalais plantations, but has seen portions of the Nilgiris plantations.

(f) Considerable progress has been made and the Government have reason to look to the Anamalais plantation to supply the higher grade bark required for the quinine factory.

(g) No material damage was done to the plantation in the periods referred to.

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"It is observed that after this year's planting, the failure in 1928–29 clearings will be 'Nil'. May I know what acreage the Government propose to plant this year to bring the figure to 'Nil'?

The hon Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That is under consideration."

Mr. F. E. JAMES:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member as to the total acreage which is not under cultivation and which is reserved for this purpose only?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Notice."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask, Sir, the Government's policy in extending the cinchona plantations? Is it with a view to getting all the necessary supply locally without importing anything from outside?"

The hon Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"That is the ambition of the Government."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if Government will be able to meet the whole demand here and also export some quantity to outside places, such as Bombay?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"It is too early to say anything about that."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know when the revised scheme will be ready for publication?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I am not able to say when it will be ready."

Civil Justice

Direct recruitment of District Judges.

* 239 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many posts of the cadre of the District Judges are available by way of direct recruitment from the Bar;

(b) when was this system introduced, and how many gentlemen were recruited so far after its introduction and from which linguistic areas;

(c) of these so recruited, who are the gentlemen now in service and to which linguistic areas do they belong;

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(*d*) to which linguistic areas do the District Judges promoted from the Provincial Judicial Service belong;

(*e*) what was the total number of Subordinate Judges working on the 1st April 1931; and to which linguistic areas do they belong; and

(*f*) what is the total number of District Munsifs working on the 1st April 1931 and how many of these belong to 'Andhra Desa'?

A.—(*a*) Five.

(*b*) The decision to try the experiment of appointing District Judges direct from the Bar was announced by the Government of India in December 1920, and since then five such appointments have been made. Of these, one is from the Kanarese area, two from the Malayalam area and two others, who are Muhammadans, from the Tamil area of this Presidency.

(*c*) All the five officers are now in service: they are—

Names.	Linguistic area.
1. Mr. K. P. Lakshmana Rao	Kanarese.
2. ,, K. Sankara Menon	Malayalam.
3. ,, A. V. Govinda Menon	Do.
4. ,, Mir Zynuddin	Tamil.
5. ,, Mir Amiruddin	Do.

(*d*) Two to the Kanarese area, two to the Tamil area, and one to the Telugu area.

(*e*) Sixty distributed as shown below:—

Tamil area	30
Telugu area	12
Malayalam area	14
Kanarese area	4

(*f*) One hundred and sixty-five, of whom 50 belong to Andhra Desa.

Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA:—"With reference to the answer to (*a*), do the Government recognize that injustice is being done to the Telugu speaking population of the Presidency? If so, will they take the earliest opportunity to remedy the same?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"With reference to the first part of the question I do not grant that there has been any injustice done; with reference to the second, the valuable suggestion of my hon. Friend will be considered when the next vacancy arises."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"The Government say that they have appointed two Mussalmans direct from the Bar as District Judges. May I know who these gentlemen are?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I would refer my hon. Friend to the printed answer. The names are given there."

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Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"I want to know whether they have been appointed directly from the Bar, and whether they had not been in service before."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"They are regarded as members of the Bar for purposes of this appointment."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—"What are the names of the districts from which the two Muhammadan gentlemen come ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I do not know the districts from which they come."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—"May I know if they do not belong to Madras and if Madras is included in the Andhra Desa or in Tamil Nadu ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"As far as I am aware, it is included in the Tamil area."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"May I know on what grounds does the hon. the Law Member think that Madras is included in the Tamil area ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Because the major portion of the people of Madras according to my information speak Tamil, and not Telugu."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti :—"May I submit it is an incorrect information ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I thank you for the correction."

Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Is the hon. Member aware that a resolution was recently passed that Madras should be the capital of the Andhra Desa ?"

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"According to the recent Census Report the number of Andhras and Tamils are equal ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I thank you for the information."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—"May I know whether it is not a fact that one of the District Judges was a permanent Deputy Registrar of the High Court when he was recruited as District Judge ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I do not know that personally. If my hon. Friend says so, I shall accept it."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member to exclude these people, both of them (both the Mussalmans) from being considered as directly recruited from the Bar ?"

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The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I cannot do it. "

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether Bellary is considered to be Kanarese or Telugu area ? "

Filling up of vacancies in the posts of District Judges and District Munsifs.

* 240 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state why two posts of District Judges were kept vacant from July 1930 and December 1930 till last month and why five posts of Subordinate Judges and 15 posts of District Munsifs are still kept vacant?

A.—The two vacancies in the posts of District and Sessions Judges which arose on 19th July 1930 and 15th December 1930 were not kept vacant until June 1931 as suggested but were filled up permanently with retrospective effect from the date on which the vacancies arose. Orders filling up the vacancies were not issued until June 1931 because for various reasons it was not possible to arrive at a decision earlier.

The question of filling up the vacancies in the five posts of Subordinate Judges which had necessarily to wait for the orders on the confirmation of District Judges is now under the consideration of the Government.

The vacancies in the posts of District Munsifs are filled up by the High Court. The Government have no information on this point.

Proposal for the abolition of the District Munsif's Court at Cheyyar, North Arcot.

* 241 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether there is any proposal now before the Government to abolish the District Munsif's Court at Cheyyar (North Arcot district)?

A.—No.

Electricity

Charges made by the Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, for the supply of electricity to the public and the Government.

* 242 *Q.*—Rao Sahib C. JAYARAM NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have permitted the Madras Electric Supply Corporation to charge 5 annas per unit for supplying electric current to the public, whereas they are now getting the same at 3 annas per unit in regard to the supply of the electric current to their buildings;